



## Tree Maintenance Worker

Class Code: 9381 – Exam Code: 4PB40

Department(s): Department of Transportation

Opening Date: 12/26/14

Final Filing Date: Continuous

Type of Examination: Departmental Open

Salary: \$3,120.00- \$3,759.00

### EEO

An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of age, ancestry, color, denial of family and medical care leave, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, marital status, medical condition, military and veteran status, national origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation of any person.

### DRUG-FREE STATEMENT

It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free State work place. Any applicant for State employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective, because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the State, the rules governing civil service, and the special trust placed in public servants.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Applicants who meet the Minimum Qualifications as stated on this bulletin may apply for and take this Training and Experience Evaluation at any time.

Once you have taken the Training and Experience Evaluation, you may not retake it for 12 months.

### FILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Final Filing Date:** Continuous

**Where to Apply:** Click the link at the bottom of this bulletin.

### SPECIAL TESTING ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a disability and need special assistance or special testing arrangements, contact the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR), Examination Services at (866) 844-8671, or via the California Relay Service for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing at (800) 735-2929 from TTY Phones and (800) 735-2922 from voice phones.

### ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION

An open eligible list will be established by the California Department of Human Resources for use by the Department of Transportation. The names of successful competitors will be merged onto the eligible list

in order of final score regardless of test date. Eligibility expires 12 months after it is established. Competitors must then retake the Training and Experience Evaluation to reestablish eligibility.

## **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE EXAMINATION**

**NOTE:** All applicants must meet the education and/or experience requirements as stated on this examination bulletin as of the date the test is taken.

## **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Possession of a valid Class C driver license. Applicants who do not possess this license will be admitted to the examination but must secure the license prior to appointment.

Nine months of experience in the California state service assigned to a tree maintenance crew, performing duties comparable in level to those of a Service Assistant (Maintenance). These duties include tree trimming and climbing work on trees of more than 40 feet in height

OR

One year of tree trimming experience. This experience must have included trimming of trees of more than 40 feet in height and climbing work

## **POSITION DESCRIPTION**

Climbs trees by means of ropes or spurs; uses safety belt and other required rigging; trims and removes limbs and branches; uses both power and hand saws and similar equipment; lowers cut limbs and branches by lines; occasionally fells and removes entire trees; plants, cultivates and irrigates trees; cuts brush and weeds along the transportation facility rights of way, and at State facilities; maintains and cares for tree climbing and trimming equipment; acts as a flagger for traffic control; uses aerial equipment and pneumatic and hydraulic tools; under close supervision, applies chemicals for insect, disease and weed control.

## **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

### **TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE EVALUATION – Weighted 100%**

The examination will consist solely of a Training and Experience Evaluation. To obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum score of 70% must be received. An applicant will receive his/her score upon completion of the Training and Experience Evaluation process.

[Click here to preview the Training and Experience Evaluation.](#)

## **KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of: Various ropes, knots and splices used in tree trimming work; different cuts used for felling and limb removal; climbing, power tool and pesticide safety regulations and safety practices; appropriate rigging procedures; different types of climbing methods; pruning techniques; rope strengths in conjunction with wood weights; basic mathematics including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division; operation and service requirements of various types of specialized equipment; different types of wood in terms of ease or resistance to cuts; safe pesticide application techniques.

Ability to: Climb trees in excess of 40 feet in height by means of belts, spurs and ropes; perform tree trimming tasks at considerable heights above the ground; coordinate body movements with tasks to be performed; select and apply knowledge appropriate to job tasks; follow basic safety procedures for pesticide use; do the necessary rigging and tying of the various knots used in tree trimming work; follow instructions and location directions; learn new methods and techniques; make independent decisions; establish and maintain cooperative working relationships; communicate at a level required to perform the essential functions of the job.

## VETERANS' PREFERENCE

Veterans' Preference will be granted for this examination. Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, whenever any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent-disabled veteran achieves a passing score on an open examination, he or she shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. This section shall not apply to any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions concerning this examination bulletin, please contact:

California Department of Human Resources  
Attn: Examination Services  
1515 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Phone: 1-866-844-8671  
California Relay Service: 1-800-735-2929 (TTY), 1-800-735-2922 (Voice)

TTY is a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf, and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TTY Device.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Applications are available** at [www.jobs.ca.gov](http://www.jobs.ca.gov) and local offices of the Employment Development Department.

**If you meet the requirements** stated on this examination bulletin, you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on this bulletin will be rated against a predetermined job-related rating, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their scores.

**The California Department of Human Resources** reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service, should the circumstances under which this examination was planned change. Such revision will be in accordance with civil service laws and rules, and all competitors will be notified.

**Candidates needing special testing arrangements** due to a disability must mark the appropriate box on the application and contact the testing department.

**Hiring Interview Scope:** In a hiring interview, in addition to the scope described in this bulletin, the panel will consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience, and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress he/she has made in his/her efforts toward self-development. For more information, you may refer to the [classification specification](#).

**General Qualifications:** Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, the ability to work cooperatively with others, and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. A medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history, and fingerprinting may be required.

**Eligible Lists:** Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1) sub-divisional promotional, 2) departmental promotional, 3) multi-departmental

promotional, 4) service-wide promotional, 5) departmental open, and 6) open. When there are two lists of the same kind, the older must be used first. Eligible lists will expire in one to four years unless otherwise stated on the bulletin.

**Veterans' Preference:** Effective January 1, 2014, in accordance with Government Codes 18973.1 and 18973.5, Veterans' Preference will be awarded as follows: 1) Any veteran, widow or widower of a veteran, or spouse of a 100 percent disabled veteran, who achieves a passing score in an entrance examination, shall be ranked in the top rank of the resulting eligibility list. Any veteran who has been dishonorably discharged or released is not eligible for Veterans' Preference. 2) An entrance examination is defined, under the law, as any open competitive examination. And 3) Veterans' Preference is not granted once a person achieves permanent civil service status.

Veteran status is verified by the California Department of Human Resources (CalHR). Directions to apply for Veterans' Preference are on the Veterans' Preference Application (Std. Form 1093), which is available at <http://jobs.ca.gov/Job/VeteransInformation>, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Bulletin Revision Date:**

#### **TAKING THE EXAM**

**When you click the link below, you will be directed to the Training and Experience Evaluation. At the end of the Training and Experience Evaluation, it will be instantly scored.**

**[Click here to go to the Training and Experience Evaluation.](#)**